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CityScope

a community newsletter for the residents of Chandler

Reminders...

The City Clerk's office will no longer be issuing marriage licenses effective January 1, 2010. To find an alternate location, go to **www.clerkofcourt.maricopa.gov**

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East Valley Dial-A-Ride provides door-to-door, shared ride public transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities. Service hours vary; call 480-633-0101 for details.

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The City is training volunteers to help low and moderate income families prepare their individual income tax returns. No experience is needed. Call 480-782-4358 for more information.

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City offices will be closed Friday, January 1, for **New Year's Day**. Go to www.chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-3510 for changes to trash and recycling collection.

City offices will also be closed Monday, January 18, for **Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day**, and Monday, February 15, for **President's Day**. Trash and recycling collection won't be affected by these holidays.

The estimated population for the City of Chandler as of November 1, 2009, is 252,733.

A holiday message from the Mayor

It doesn't seem possible that 2009 is almost behind us and we're gearing up for yet another festive and tradition-filled holiday season. It's a great time to reflect on the days that have passed, and a good time to look forward to what the future might hold. And while this past year has had its challenges, I believe some exciting opportunities are on the horizon for the City of Chandler.

Some of our neighbors are struggling this holiday, and may require a little help to get by. Chandler has several agencies that can facilitate a holiday donation through their many worthy programs. If you are able to offer assistance, contact a favorite service agency of your own, or call the United Way at 602-631-4869 for information on other

human service organizations in our community. Also, the Chandler Acts of Kindness program, or A-OK for short, gives residents an opportunity to donate \$2 (or more) with their utility payment each month. These contributions support a variety of human service programs.

On behalf of the City Council and City staff, I wish all of you a safe and joyous holiday season. Remember to "Invest Wisely, Shop Chandler," through the holidays, and throughout the year.

Mayor Boyd W. Dunn



The City of Chandler is making it easier than ever to do your shopping within the Chandler city limits with the new online Shop Chandler Search tool.

Shop Chandler Search is an online database of every business in Chandler, and will function in a way that should be familiar to people who are used to searching online. Search Chandler businesses by name, location or category, such as restaurants or shoe stores – you can even map out your route!

Shop Chandler Search will continue to evolve, and new businesses can sign up to be included through the tool itself. Shop Chandler Search is available at www.chandleraz.gov/shop.

Celebration of Unity and Multicultural Festival

Several events take place this January that celebrate Chandler's diversity. This year, the **Celebration of Unity** breakfast will place an emphasis on community outreach and support. Please join us on Friday, January 22, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Crown Plaza San Marcos Resort in Historic Downtown. ASU Associate Dean of Multicultural Student Services, Alonzo Jones, and an announcement of the Dedication of Service Award winners will highlight the breakfast. Tickets are available through the Chandler Center for the Arts box office, 480-782-2680.

The Fifteenth Annual **Chandler**

Multicultural Festival takes place Saturday, January 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Downtown Library courtyard. The festival highlights the cultural diversity of our community through music, dance, art, a storytelling children's area and more. Winners of the Creative Expression Competition will also be displayed. Admission is free to all of the Multicultural Festival events. Also, this year enjoy a Childsplay performance of Androcles and the Lion produced by David Saar. Call 480-782-2665 or visit www.chandleraz.gov/unity for more information.

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Tree disposal options

Looking for a way to dispose of your Christmas tree?

- **Drop off boxes at the following locations from December 26 through January 17:**

West Chandler Park, 250 S. Kyrene Rd.
Desert Breeze Park, 660 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. E.
Arrowhead Meadows Park, 1475 W. Erie St.
Shawnee Park, 1400 W. Mesquite St.
Pima Park, 625 N. McQueen Rd.
Folley Park, 601 E. Frye Rd.
Chuparosa Park, 2400 S. Dobson Rd.
Snedigar Sportsplex, 4500 S. Basha Rd.
Tumbleweed Park, 2250 S. McQueen Rd.
Solid Waste Transfer Facility, 955 E. Queen Creek Rd.

- Trees will also be collected separately on your recycling collection day, from December 26 through January 15, or you can schedule a free curbside bulk collection by calling 480-782-3510. Trees must be at the edge of the driveway by 6 a.m. on the day of collection. Remove tree stands, lights, ornaments and nails and leave the tree out until it is collected.
- Live potted Christmas trees can be donated by dropping off at the City's Community Center or can be scheduled for pick up by calling 480-782-2745.

Calendar highlights

January

- 1 New Year's Holiday, City offices closed
- 1-3 Zoppé: An Italian Family Circus, Chandler Center for the Arts West Lawn, 480-782-2680
- 2 Chandler Aquatics Dash and Splash, Mesquite Groves Aquatic Center, 480-782-2635
- 8 Chandler Symphony: Black Voices - African American Classical, Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 10 Rhythms of Life - "Pardon My English," Chandler Center for the Arts, 480-782-2680
- 12 Family Nature Open House, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2890
- 14, 28 City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 480-782-2180

Only rain in the storm drain

The City streets and gutters are designed to direct rain and runoff into storm drains. Such runoff can pick up debris and pollutants that have been previously deposited on the streets. In some cases, the storm drains lead to common area retention basins or parks where pets and children play. In order to protect the environment and your neighbors, we ask that you do your part to prevent pollution by practicing the following tips:

- ✓ Park vehicles that leak fluids on private property.
- ✓ Clean up spills using a dry absorbent and dispose of properly.
- ✓ Before draining your pool, call 480-782-3500.
- ✓ Pick up and properly dispose of debris. Sweeping debris, including landscaping debris, into the street does not make it go away.
- ✓ Pick up after your pet.
- ✓ Wash paint brushes and rollers indoors or allow to dry and place in the trash.
- ✓ Dry, empty latex paint cans can be disposed of in the trash.
- ✓ Properly cover and store hazardous materials. This also prevents accidental spills and poisoning of children and pets.
- ✓ Use pesticides and fertilizers as directed.
- ✓ Dispose of household hazardous waste properly. Call 480-782-3510 for more information.
- ✓ Use a commercial car wash for heavily soiled vehicles.

- 15-17 Feis in the Desert, Crowne Plaza San Marcos Hotel, 480-821-0915
- 16 Multicultural Festival, Downtown Library Plaza, 480-782-2665
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day Holiday, City offices closed
- 20 Bubble Blast, Tumbleweed Recreation Center, 480-782-2900
- 22 Star Party, Environmental Education Center, 480-782-2890
- 22 Celebration of Unity Breakfast, San Marcos Hotel, 480-782-2214
- 30 Asleep At The Wheel, Higley Center for the Performing Arts, 480-782-2680

Call the Special Events hotline at **480-782-2735** or go to **www.chandleraz.gov** for event information.

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Chandler City Council -- Front row from left: Trinity Donovan, Mayor Boyd W. Dunn, Rick Heumann. Back row from left: Bob Caccamo, Jeff Weninger, Jack Sellers, Matt Orlando.

The Mayor & Council can be contacted at 480-782-2200.